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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: TINING OF MEETING WITH THE FRONT LINE AND

PUBLIC STATEMENT ON ALL PARTIES MEETING

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1. RECEIVED REFTEL ON RETURN FROM SATURDAY MORNING
MEETING WITH NKOMO IN WHICH I HAD EXPLAINED THE
TIGHTNESS OF THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR COMMITMENTS
IN WASHINGTON AND ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY OTHER
WAY NKOMO COULD ARRANGE HIS PROGRAM SO AS TO MAKE TIME
AVAILABLE ON THE 16TH. NKOMO REPLIED THAT UNFORTUNATELY
HE HAD ENGAGEMENTS IN LUSAKA WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS
INVOLVING THOUSANDS OF PERSONS IN A MEETING WHICH HAD
BEEN LAID ON FOR WEEKS AND WHICH HE SAW NO WAY OF RESCHEDULING
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HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS ON THE 14TH AND 15TH.

2. I IMMEDIATELY PHONED NKOMO WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTAL A. HE WAS EVIDENTLY PLEASED AND RELIEVED TO HAVE THE MATTER SETTLED AND GRATEFUL TO THE SECRETARY FOR BEING ABLE TO REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE

- 3. AT THE SAME TIME, I RAISED WITH NKOMO THE SUBJECT OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT. AGAIN HE READILY AGREED TO SAYING PUBLICLY AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED TO GO TO THE ALL PARTIES MEETING, THOUGH AGAIN HE SAID HE WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT ACCORDING TO HIS OWN CONCEPT OF IT.
- 4. COMMENT: PROBLEM OVER SCEDHULING IS SYMPTOMATIC OF DIFFICULY WHICH ARISES SO OFTEN IN DEALING WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT THROUGH THE FRONT LINE OR ONE OR THE OTHER OF ITS LEADERS. NKOMO PERSONALLY FELT NO COMMITMENT TO UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN LAGOS ON EITHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS OR SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, HE OBJECTED RATHER STRONGLY TO THESE BEING "IMPOSED" ON HIM. INTELLECTUALLY HE RECONGNIZED THE EFFORT BEING MADE TO ASSIST IN A SETTLEMENT, BUT HIS PRIDE WAS SOMWEHAT BRUSIED BY WHAT HE CONDIERED TO HAVE BEEN DECISION TAKEN BY OTHERS WHICH WERE BINDING ON HIM. THUS THE FINAL EVIDENCE OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO UNDERSTOOD AND ACCOMMODATE HIS OWN IMPORTANT PLANS WAS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED BY HIM. INCIDENTALLY, GRAHAM HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF OR PRESSED FOR A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND THE ALL PARTIES MEETING. BELIEVE HOWEVER, THAT OUR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING WITH NKOMO IS BEST ARRANGEMENT IN TERMS OF THE PROSPECTS CONFIDENTIAL

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